



Rep. Klein Joins President Obama for Economic Town Hall, Calls for Passage of Essential Recovery Package

Washington, D.C. – *Congressman Ron Klein (FL-22) today joined President Barack Obama and other members of the Florida Congressional delegation for an economic town hall in Ft. Myers, Florida. The town hall meeting focused on the economic recovery legislation currently before Congress.*

After the conclusion of the meeting, Congressman Klein released the following statement.

"I would like to thank President Obama and my Congressional colleagues for joining us here in Florida to hear the personal and heart-wrenching stories of local residents. Their stories confirm what we have been hearing from leading economists from the Reagan Administration through the Clinton Administration, as well as business owners and families across South Florida. Each has made it clear that we need an economic stimulus plan which contains the right mix of tax cuts and targeted spending to create jobs in the short term and provide tangible, long-term benefits to our community in the long term.

"I am working closely with local mayors and other community leaders to address their top priority – making sure that federal dollars are spent locally, to create jobs and jump-start the economy in South Florida. There is no silver bullet and no one right answer, but we will make sure everyone's ideas are heard and that we quickly pass a smart, efficient stimulus plan.

"There is no doubt these are difficult economic times. However, I have extraordinary faith in the strength and resilience of the American people. I know that by working together, we can emerge from these challenges even stronger than we were before."

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